

**Town of Salem
Board of Selectman
Regular Meeting
April 5, 2011**

Present: Richard Asafaylo, James Fogarty, Kevin Lyden, Robyn McKenney, & Robert Ross

Call to order:

K. Lyden called the meeting to order at 7:38 and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. Approval of Minutes

March 1, 2011 Regular Board of Selectman Meeting

M/S (Asafaylo/Fogarty) to approve the March 1, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

Page 4 G. paragraph 2 should read as follows:

R. Asafaylo suggested a trained skillful moderator be used. He also stated the audio was not suitable for home use and better equipment for this might need to be purchased.

Page 4 G. paragraph 4 should read as follows:

J. Fogarty stated the process did not run smoothly. A side by side comparison could not have been done with two very different plans. He felt as though Plan A was very broad with a lot of assumptions; Plan B seemed clearer.

Page 2 Agenda A. motion should read as follows:

M/S/C (Lyden/McKenney) to approve \$1,150.00 be appropriated from the FEMA Civil Preparedness Fund (account #92-200-0002) to Equipment (account #0222-054-5499). Vote: Approved Unanimously

Page 2 Vision Statement add "Motion" to beginning of sentence:

M/S/C (Asafaylo/Fogarty) Motion to adopt the resolution for the Vision Statement as follows:

1. Resolved that the Salem Vision Statement be endorsed by the Salem Board of Selectmen on March 1, 2011.

Page 3 Vision Statement paragraph 12 sentence 2 should read as follows:

J. Fogarty suggested if selectmen are liaison to other committees they could report on the Vision Statement.

Page 3 Vision Statement paragraph 12 sentence 3 should read as follows:

K. Lyden stated meeting minutes are public record and are available to everyone. If the Vision Committee feels the need to monitor the results of implementation of the Vision Statement, it would be their decision to do so.

Page 2 Correspondence/Public Comment paragraph 2, item 3 should read as follows:

If K. Lyden could discuss the Route 11 toll bill.

**M/S/C (Fogarty/Asafaylo) to approve the March 1, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended.
Vote: Approved Unanimous**

**M/S/C (Fogarty/Ross) to approve the March 8, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes as presented.
Vote: Approved Unanimous**

**M/S/C (Fogarty/Lyden) to approve the March 18 Special Meeting Minutes as presented.
Vote: J. Fogarty, R. Asafaylo, K. Lyden approved; R. McKenney and R. Ross abstaining.**

2. Correspondence/Public Comments:

None

3. Agenda Additions or Revisions:

Add:

- C) State Trooper Contract
- D) Salem School Building Committee Appropriation
- E) Tax Collector Refunds
- F) Vision Statement
- G) Dave Kennedy Town Meeting Moderator/Virtual Town Meeting

M/S/C (Fogarty/Ross) to add items C) State Trooper Contract, D) Building Committee Appropriation, and E) Tax Collector Refunds. Vote: Approved Unanimous

4. Agenda

A. State Trooper Carson Konow Recognition

First Selectman Kevin Lyden and Selectman Robert Ross presented past resident State Trooper Carson Konow with the Meritorious Service Metal for his service to the Town of Salem.

B. Salem School Girls Basketball Team

The Salem School Girls Basketball Team were presented with certificates for their undefeated 2011 season. A recess took place and the team was treated to cake for their accomplishment.

C. State Trooper Contract

K. Lyden presented the BOS with the Resident State Trooper Contract. K. Lyden informed the BOS it is a 2 year contract (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013) with a 30 day termination clause.

M/S/C (Ross/Fogarty) that Kevin Lyden, First Selectman be and herewith authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the Town of Salem with the Connecticut Department of Public Safety, Division of State Police for the services of two (2) Resident State Troopers for the period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013.

Vote: Approved Unanimous

D. Building Committee Appropriation

M/S/C (Asafaylo/Fogarty) to endorse appropriation of \$25,000.00 to line #0930-100-0021 for the Salem School Building Committee.

Vote: Approved Unanimous

E. Tax Collector Refunds

Statement reviewed from the Tax Collector.

M/S/C (Fogarty/McKenney) for the BOS to direct the town treasurer to issue refunds recommended and certified by the Tax collector report dated April 5, 2011 in the amount of \$1,088.33.

Vote: Approved Unanimous

Discussion took place concerning the report submitted by the Tax Collector. It was recommended the report be the same format every month when given to the BOS.

F. Vision Statement

M/S/C (Asafaylo/Fogarty) to approve the Vision Statement Resolution as presented:

2. Resolved that all Salem boards, Commissions, Standing Committees and validly appointed ad hoc committees, are strongly encouraged to consider the Salem Vision Statement endorsed by the Board of Selectmen on March 1, 2011 as strategic principles in the conduct of all tasks and deliberations within their jurisdiction.

Vote: Approved Unanimous

G. Dave Kennedy Comment

Residents Dave Kennedy and Jim Choquette discussed issues with the BOS concerning the last town meeting. (See Attached).

R. McKenney suggested use of a podium so residents could have their say without being called upon by the moderator. She also informed the BOS the service for the Virtual Town Meeting could be upgraded with an increase of pricing.

J. Fogarty suggested speaking with Peter Sielman on how to use the system more efficiently.

R. Asafaylo suggested a procedural document be in place.

R. Ross stated there is a need for better use of the technology and the issue of the use of parliamentarian should be discussed.

Discussion took place concerning how a moderator and parliamentarian would be chosen and if the appointing of the parliamentarian could be an agenda item.

J. Fogarty stated a current addition of Robert's Rules is needed.

R. Asafaylo stated changes might be necessary to the Town Charter if a parliamentarian is used.

A request was made by Jim Choquette for how the process of a petition works be added to the agenda for the May meeting.

5. Reports

- A. **First Selectman** – K. Lyden held an informal gathering of Boards and Commissions on March 30th. It was well attended.
Copies of the Vision Statement have been made available at Town Hall. Board and Commission Chairperson have received a copy and were asked to review the Vision Statement.
The DEP has a mower \$8,500 reimbursement available; the town's expense is 20% of the cost, 80% will be reimbursed by DEP.
CIRMA is the town's insurance agent. There will be a \$6,511.00 payment to the town on July 25 for an equity payment.
Route 11 is back on the SCOGG priority list.
An engineer is working on plans for the pavilion to be presented to P&Z.
- B. **Public Works** – Work on the multipurpose path has started. The town crew will also start work on the ball fields to get them ready for the season. There is an issue with beavers around town. They will be trapped and removed.
- C. **Building Report** – The Zito property will be starting work at the four corners.
- D. **Salem School Building Committee**- The Committee has six members. There will be a walk through tomorrow with architects.
- E. **Board of Education** – It was announced that Rachael Popkowski and Roscoe VanDyne are retiring. Superintendent Donna Leake has accepted a part time position with the Sprague school system. The BOE is evaluating the position, they voted to add \$8,000.00 to \$9,000.00 for a Superintendent search. K.Lyden stated at the BOE meeting it may be a good time to research sharing a Superintendent with East Lyme. There will be a Special BOE Meeting on April 25.
- F. **Board of Finance** – The public hearing on the town budget will be held on April 13, 2011 at 7:00PM in the Salem School Multi-Purpose Room.
- G. **Planning and Zoning Commission** – No report.
- H. **Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission** – No report.
- I. **Economic Development Commission** – No report.
- J. **Zoning Board of Appeals** – One case has been heard in the last month.
- K. **Recreation Commission** – No report.
- L. **Public Safety** – The Resident State Trooper report was presented. (See Attached)
- M. **Transfer Station** – A new compactor has been included in the budget.
- N. **Library Board** – Resident Phil James will be honored at the next Library meeting on Tuesday April 12 at 6:15PM.
- O. **Town Vision Committee** – The consensus of the BOS is to thank the Vision Committee for the work in completing the Vision Statement. A letter will be sent to the members from the First Selectman. The item will be removed from the BOS Agenda.

6. Public Comment

None

*Note: K. Lyden stated the request from Jim Choquette addressing petitions will not be put on the agenda for May, but they will be able to address it under Public Comment.

7. Future Action Items

1. BOS Yearly Calendar "Tickler List"
2. Town Offices Computer Network
3. Town Events Policy

Adjournment

M/S/C (Fogarty/Asafaylo) to adjourn at 9:12PM

Vote: Approve Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Weston

Recording Secretary